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On Monday, Dec. 9, and Tuesday, Dec. 10, APS will hold a Community Meeting on [planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools to other buildings. The same meeting will be held twice in English (and in a webinar on Dec. 13 and in Spanish on Dec. 16):

- Monday, Dec. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.: Swanson Middle School (5800 N. Washington Blvd.)—includes interpretation for Spanish, Amharic, Arabic and Mongolian, and will be [broadcast live online](#).
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30-8 p.m.: Central Library (1015 N. Quincy St.)—includes interpretation for Spanish, Amharic, Arabic and Mongolian (will not be broadcast)

At these meetings, a staff presentation will address common questions and ideas received to date and provide an update on the status of the proposals. Community members can share their input after the presentation and all input will be posted online afterwards. Since staff may not be able to answer questions from all participants at the meetings, there will be the opportunity to provide these in writing for answers later. In addition, [a new questionnaire](#) will be available as of Dec. 9 to provide further input.

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Dec. 9-18—New Community Questionnaire on Elementary School Planning

A new Community Questionnaire on [planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools to other buildings will be available Dec. 9-18 online and in a printable PDF format in English and Spanish at [APS Engage](#). Any school community can request that the questionnaire be provided on paper by writing to engage@apsva.us; printed questionnaires can be returned to the front office of any elementary school by 9 a.m. on Dec. 19.

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Dec. 13—Webinar on Elementary School Planning

On Friday, Dec. 13, between noon and 1 p.m., APS will host [a webinar](#) using the same presentation from the Dec. 9 & 10 Community Meetings on [planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools to other buildings. Staff will address common questions and ideas received to date and provide an update on the status of the proposals. Translated subtitles of the discussion will be available in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. Staff

will answer as many questions as possible; in addition, [a new questionnaire](#) will be available as of Dec. 9.

The webinar can be accessed using the Google Chrome browser or—if using an iPhone, iPad or Android device—via the *Microsoft Teams App*. For more details, visit www.apsva.us/engage/planning-for-2020-elementary-school-boundary-process/community-webinar-on-on-elementary-planning/.

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Dec. 16—Community Meeting on Elementary School Planning in SPANISH

On Monday, Dec. 16, APS will hold a Community Meeting **in Spanish** from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Kenmore M.S. (200 S. Carlin Springs Rd.) on [planning proposals](#) that explore moving some elementary schools to other buildings. Interpretation in English will be available. A staff presentation will address common questions and ideas received to date and provide an update on the status of the proposals. Community members can share their input after the presentation and all input will be posted online afterwards. Since staff may not be able to answer questions from all participants at the meeting, there will be the opportunity to provide these in writing for answers later. In addition, [a new questionnaire](#) will be available as of Dec. 9.

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Dec. 19 – Next School Board Meeting

The School Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Syphax Education Center ([2110 Washington Blvd](#)). Visit the [School Board webpage](#) for an agenda and information on how to speak at the meeting, or [view it live online](#).